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ALERT

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Alan Barcelona

CSLEA President

Hello CSLEA members,
As we continue down this unprecedented and challenging pandemic path, I want to acknowledge your professionalism during this trying time. I suspect the challenges may increase, as school starts and the holiday season approaches. It's hard not visiting with family members who do not live

within your home, wearing a mask when physical distancing can't be maintained, and remaining more socially isolated than you typically would. In addition, some of you are becoming sick or witnessing your colleagues become sick. Through all of this you are performing your law enforcement, public safety and consumer protection duties and I want



to thank you.

On a sad note, I want to mention the passing of a professional who guided CSLEA's political action committee as it pertained to fair political practice laws. Mr. Wayne Ordos, Attorney at Law, passed away last month following a valiant fight against cancer. He was a true inspiration and true professional who believed in the working class and union representation. We say goodbye to a truly good human being and grieve with his family.



Likewise, we were saddened to learn of the unexpected passing last week of one of our legislative advocates at Capitol Advocacy, Ivan Altamura. Our legislative advocates work on your behalf at the state Capitol assisting us with drafting legislation, getting legislation passed and seeing that legislation that is not good for our members doesn't become law. Our thoughts are with his friends, family and colleagues at Capitol Advocacy.



I reminded CSLEA staff this week, and I will take this opportunity to remind you, for your family's sake, please be sure your beneficiary information is updated. As a member of CSLEA, you have a basic \$15,000 life insurance benefit. Over the years, with life changes, we may forget to keep this information up to date. When you became a member of CSLEA, you designated a beneficiary for this benefit, to be sure you have the beneficiary of your choice, please update your information if necessary.

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There are bright and pleasant things to share, as well! We want to congratulate our members who just recently became State Parks rangers, graduating from the academy and now in field training.



We have much admiration for these peace officers who gave it their all in the academy during a time like no other. A pandemic, civil unrest, and away from their families, and they persevered. Congratulations to them. We are proud!

For our peace officer members, now a part of PORAC, the 2020 CalPERS open enrollment period for adding, changing or terminating health insurance benefits will be from September 21, 2020 through October 16, 2020. Peace officer members are eligible to select the PORAC plan during the open enrollment period and can make the selection thru the myCalPERS PORTAL. You'll find more information in this newsletter as well as more information to come as the open enrollment approaches.

Also, new to our newsletter, we are publishing some questions and answers we think

some of our members might find helpful. The questions are from members who receive a reply right away, but the answers might benefit all, so we are including them in the newsletter. Remember we are here for you and easily accessible.

Please take good care of yourselves and your family. We wish you all good health! Be safe.

CSLEA WORKING FOR YOU



CSLEA and CHP-PSDA Welcome New Dispatchers to Union Membership

WEST SACRAMENTO - The current pandemic requires some creative scheduling and different ways to meet new California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) members but it's not stopping association representatives and new members from getting to know one another.

"Typically, we will attend the CHP academy



Congratulations to California State Parks Newest Peace Officers

BUTTE COUNTY – On July 18, 2020, 41 cadets graduated from the law enforcement academy at Butte College to become the newest park rangers and peace officer-lifeguards at California State Parks.

"We have much admiration for our newest California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) members who gave it

during the lunch hour to meet with our new dispatchers, introduce the union and answer questions, but then came COVID-19,” said CHP Public Safety Dispatchers Association (CHP-PSDA) Vice President Victor Tovar.

“On July 27th, rather than meeting our newest members in the same room at the academy, the dispatchers were actually in remote locations and CSLEA senior counsel Andrea Perez and I were physically at the academy conducting a teleconference with them.”

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their all in the academy during a time like no other,” said CSLEA President Alan Barcelona. “A pandemic, civil unrest, and away from their families, and they persevered. Congratulations, do well in your field training, and be proud of the public safety profession you have chosen. We are proud of you!”

The class of cadets saw a two-month hold amid the COVID-19 pandemic and a virtual graduation ceremony, the first in State Park history. After nine long months, the class produced 33 rangers and eight lifeguards who will be stationed throughout the state.

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CSLEA Meets with New Licensing Registration Examiners in Sacramento

SACRAMENTO – These brave individuals will become front seat passengers in cars driven by complete strangers to them with driving skills not yet tested or being retested. They are training to become some of the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) newest licensing registration examiners (LREs).

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Getting Involved: Union Members Take CSLEA Basic Site Representation Class

SACRAMENTO - It wasn't in a classroom, conference room, or office. In true physical-distancing style, California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) Senior Counsel Andrea Perez conducted basic site representation training for four enthusiastic CSLEA members from the corner of a room in her house, while those eager to learn interacted from their homes as well.

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ASA-DOJ Announces Scholarship Recipients for 2020

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

CSLEA Member Jerry Fuhrman Deployed as Safety Officer for Rep. John Lewis Remembrance in Washington D.C.

WASHINGTON D.C. – When members of Congress and the public paid their respects to Representative John Lewis as his body lied in state at the United States Capitol on July 28-29, 2020, California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) Member and California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Emergency Services Coordinator Jerry Fuhrman was there to assist as a member of the Federal Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT).

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Familial DNA Work at California DOJ Leads to Arrest in 24-Year Old Rape/Murder Case

LOS ANGELES - On August 6, 2020, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department arrested David Bernal, 46, of El Monte, for the 1996 murder and rape of 67-year-old Mary Lindgren. The arrest is the result of familial DNA work at the California Department of Justice Bureau of Forensic Science.

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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

CSLEA Announces Reclassification and SSA Victories

Reclassification for CSLB enforcement reps and SSA for CDPH food & drug program specialists

BY CSLEA Legal Counsel Jim Vitko and
Andrea Perez

CSLB Reclassification

CSLEA is pleased to announce that, effective July 1, 2020, Enforcement Representatives with the State Contractors Licensing Board (CSLB) will be reclassified to Special Investigator. This change represents a long-fought victory by CSLEA legal and the CARII affiliate who worked collaboratively with DCA and CSLB management to get the proposal completed and approved.



Jim Vitko



Andrea Perez

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ANNOUNCEMENT

The 2020 CalPERS open enrollment period for adding, changing or terminating health insurance benefits will be from September 21, 2020 through October 16, 2020.

Simultaneously the dental and vision plans offered by the IBT follow this same open enrollment period for effective dates of January 1, 2020.

- If you are not making any changes to your current plan, you do not need to do anything.
- Please take a close look at the Police and fire Plan for 2021
- To make changes to your current plan, please call CalPERS at (888)225-7377.
- For more information, please go to the CalPERS website: www.calpers.ca.gov

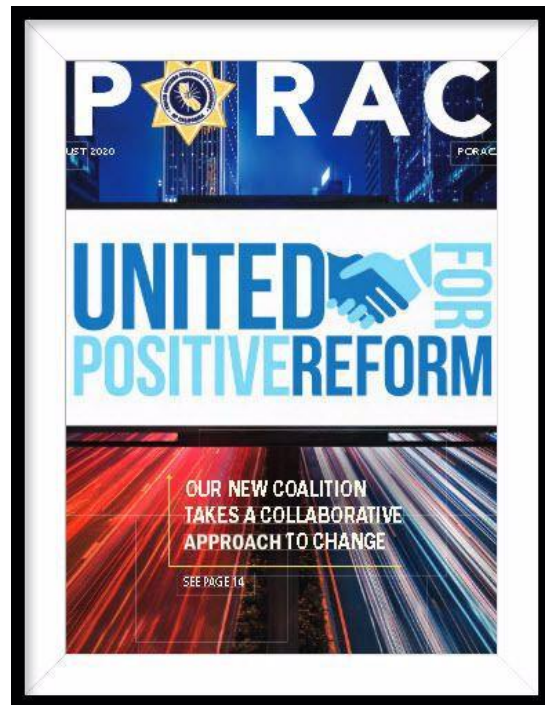
[2021 PORAC Police & Fire Health Plan Benefit Guide- Anthem](#)

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[PORAC Law Enforcement News Featured Articles For August 2020-](#)

- United for Positive Reform: New PORAC-led coalition focuses on collaborative approach to change
- Just As Important As Your Bulletproof Vest?
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- Capitol Beat – Legislative Push for



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CSLEA's Position on Current Legislation

Learn about CSLEA's position on legislation and status of bills [here](#).



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Congratulations to our CSLEA Member - CHP Dispatcher Carrie English! Thank you for your service! Enjoy retirement!!!

CHP - Bakersfield ✓
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This week, Public Safety Dispatcher, Carrie Friebe English A10171, hung up her headset and called it quits. She proudly served the California Highway Patrol fo...
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Your Questions Asked & Answered

CSLEA Member Wendy P.



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CDFW Wardens Assist with Cannabis Compliance Warrant in Santa Barbara County

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I am hoping to get some information on the specifics of PLP usage. From what I understand it is preference that the 16 PLP hours are used the same month they are earned. Can they be used 2 hours here and there or do they have to be used in 8 hour increments? Any information you can provide would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your time and support.

CSLEA Response:

The side letter regarding PLP states that it shall be requested and used in the same manner as vacation and annual leave. The provisions of the Unit 7 contract regarding the use of vacation and annual leave state that it may be used in as little as 15 minute increments.

CSLEA Member Raul V.

As an LRE (DMV Examiner) in the event of an accident IF the examiner intervenes and is unable to fully prevent the collision.....Does the examiner become liable in any way? Does that intervention (taking control of the wheel) make the examiner a driver as well in a court of law? I understand we should fully prevent accidents, but in the rare event that an accident still happens... does that make the LRE a driver?



Owner of Viking Pavers Pleads to Six Felonies in Workers' Compensation Fraud Case

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BCC and CDPH Investigators Bust BHO Lab in Covina Neighborhood

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Sun Valley Man Indicted on Narcotics Charges and Weapons Offenses

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California Men Arrested in International Investment Fraud Scheme

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CSLEA Response:

Pursuant to California law, the State is obligated to defend and indemnify (pay any damages awarded) an employee as long as the conduct which causes injury arises from the course and scope of employment. This generally means that as long as an employee does not act in intentional disregard of policy, the State will be on the hook for and damages that are awarded. In the scenario you describe, it would appear that the steps taken to prevent a collision would be consistent with policy so any injuries caused by such steps would be the State's responsibility.

Have a question for one of us at CSLEA?

Our staff is always ready to help!
We respond to calls and emails daily. If the information you seek is helpful to our members, we'll post the question and answer here as well as respond to you directly.

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**SUBJECT LINE: UNION
MEMBERSHIP QUESTION**



Poway Man Sentenced to 12 Years in Prison for \$7 million Ponzi Scheme Targeting Seniors

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California DOJ Bureau of Forensic Services' DNA Analysis Key in Shasta County Murder Conviction

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CDFW Wardens and California DOJ Special Agents Assist Trinity County with Investigating Illegal Cannabis Operations

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L.A. Man Charged with Fraudulently Obtaining Millions in COVID-Relief Loans

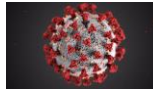
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People in Unemployment
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The CSLEA

Legal Division

CSLEA Legal employs a staff of five attorneys. Our mission is to zealously defend Unit 7 members in disciplinary proceedings and to enforce the collective bargaining agreement between CSLEA and the State of California.

Each CSLEA attorney has been designated as a principle point of contact for representation issues.

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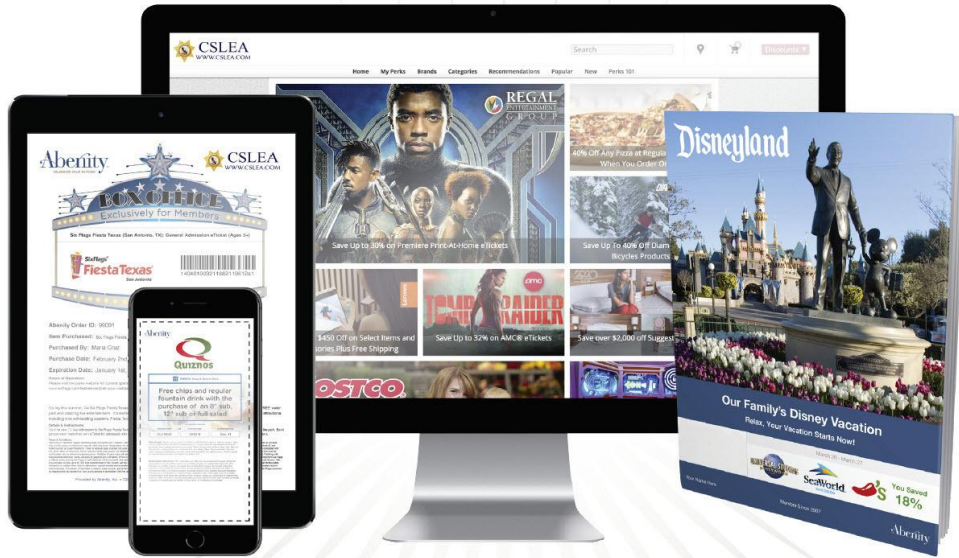
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FAMILY PLANNING?

Pregnancy Disability Income Benefit through **Allstate Benefits**

CSLEA members have the opportunity to receive disability income up to \$1800 a month for pregnancy leave through Allstate Benefits. The accident policy provides on-or-off the job, 24 hour, accidental disability income and has a sickness disability income rider which includes pregnancy income.

The illness rider coverage has to be purchased as part of the accident policy. In addition to income for time off due to illness or surgery, the rider will cover maternity as any other illness, provided the policy has been in effect 10 months at time of birth. This means that coverage is not available if you are currently pregnant.

For more information on Allstate Benefits contact:

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